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Concordia toughs it out during the ice storm

BY BARBARA BLACK

Starting on the night of January 5, a slow-moving weather system rained ice on eastern Ontario, Quebec, New England and the Maritimes, and seemed to last forever.

Then the lights went out. At Concordia's west-end Loyola Campus, the power failed early on Tuesday, January 6. Many of the campus's stately trees were shattered, and the crash of ice and icy branches filled the air.

The heat went off. Classes were cancelled, first for the day, then indefinitely. Activities at the Athletic Complex, usually alive at this time of year with hockey, basketball and other sports, were cancelled or hastily moved to other venues in the city.

Downtown on the Sir George Williams Campus, the lights went out on the afternoon of Friday, January 9, forcing the evacuation of the

buildings and the rest of the downtown core. Montrealers went into a state of shock at the depth of the crisis. Over the next two weeks, they struggled with downed power lines, cold homes, contaminated water, scarce supplies, sketchy information and cabin fever.

Some people were dealing not only with their own problems, but with those of the crippled University. The plumbers, electricians and maintenance officials of Physical Resources wrestled with a potentially dangerous situation. The Security Officers patrolled buildings, checking over and over for people and damaged property. Staff in the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, the deans' offices and others answered incoming telephone calls, some of them angry and fearful.

The good news: There was no permanent damage anywhere, thanks to rotating shifts of maintenance

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Our heroes of the storm: Maintenance and Security staff celebrate the return of power to the Loyola Campus.

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Edward Kissi found our aid to Ethiopia may not have reached recipients

African scholar joins Yale genocide centre

BY PHIL MOSCOVITCH

According to recent History doctoral grad Edward Kissi, food was used as a weapon of war in Ethiopia for over 15 years — but the mass starvation that resulted was not an attempt at genocide.

Kissi, who had an outstanding academic career at Concordia, defended his thesis on December 5. He now takes up a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in the United States's first comparative genocide studies program at Yale's prestigious Center for International and Area

Studies. It is funded by the Mellon Foundation.

While Kissi looked at famine in Ethiopia from 1950 to 1994, his major contribution comes in his reassessment of food during the tumultuous period following the deposition of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974.

As the country fell into chaos, with 10 different factions fighting for control, food became a key weapon. Speaking to *CTR* from St. Thomas University in Fredericton, where he spent the fall on a dissertation-writing fellowship, Kissi said, "Famine and starvation became

instruments of war.

"The Ethiopian state was well-placed to use its many resources against the anti-government groups; and the anti-government groups manipulated the conscience of the world to gain more food, more legitimacy and more power in order to wage more war against the Ethiopian government."

Kissi argues that while "the civil war, the famine and the starvation were deliberate policy on the part of the Ethiopian government," the facts show clearly that the government was not engaging in genocide. Its aim was to win the war and starve many of its opponents, as well as kill others through malicious resettlement policies. But, he claims, the government was nonetheless guilty of crimes against humanity.

In 1984, images of starving Ethiopians tugged at the heartstrings of Canadians, who dug deep into their pockets to provide funds for famine relief. But Kissi suggests that the effort may have been misguided.

Much of the food aid never reached its intended recipients. During research in Ethiopia in 1995, Kissi spoke to hundreds of peasants, many of whom had survived the famine. "You ask if they ever got any of the wheat that came from Cana-

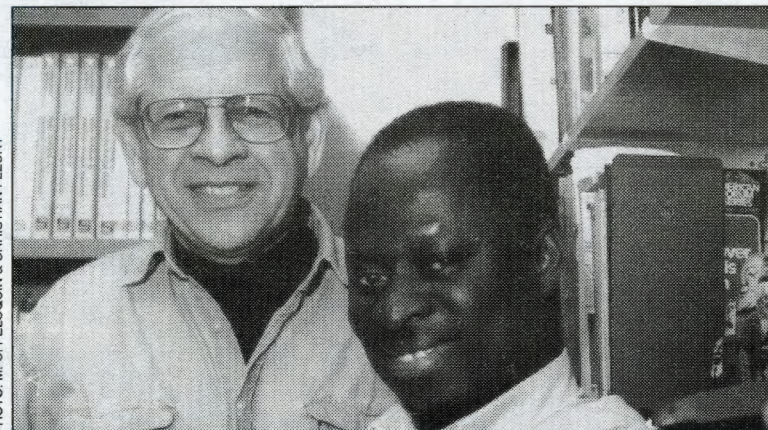
da, and they say they never knew there was such a thing."

At Yale, Kissi will be comparing the use of starvation in Ethiopia with the genocide that followed the rise to power of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge in Cambodia in 1976. He has begun lessons in the Khmer language and hopes to travel to Cambodia for research. Ultimately, he plans to write a book on the subject.

The 10th of 11 children from a peasant family in Ghana, Kissi, 36, began his doctoral work at Concordia in 1991. He originally came to Canada after completing a BA at the University of Ghana on a fellowship to study history at Wilfrid Laurier University.

While he was at Concordia, Kissi received a Concordia Fellowship and a \$20,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant. He was also featured in one of the University's advertising campaigns promoting graduate studies.

Kissi has always maintained that he wants to return to Ghana after completing his studies. "I am still committed to returning home to play my part in the making of Ghana and the making of Africa. When I accomplish my task at Yale, I will go back to the University of Ghana and help to train young minds there," he said. "I miss home so much."



Kissi with his mentor, Frank Chalk. Today, Chalk is giving a lecture at the Yale Centre for International and Area Studies, called "Genocide in History and Theory."

Concordia's entry in the MBA Case Competition came second overall Intrepid MBAs and volunteer judges carry on through storm

BY SYLVAIN-JACQUES
DESJARDINS

Despite the virtual paralysis of Montreal by a ferocious ice storm, Concordia University's 17th International MBA Case Competition went on as planned, and the Concordia team came in second.

The event, held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel from January 6 to 10, drew more than 180 participants from 30 universities across North America and beyond.

Fortunately, the hotel never lost power, so the competition kept going when Montreal's power supply crumbled under the crush of freezing rain. Rébecca Khoury, who helped organize the MBA competition with Debra Israel and Max Thompson, said they never considered postponing the event because of the storm.

"There was no way we could do that," Khoury said, gasping at the very thought. "The competition just took way too long to plan." The trio took nearly a year planning the event, rounding up volunteers and about \$100,000 in sponsorships, including \$9,000 in cash prizes to be shared between first-, second- and third-place winners.

But for some of the competitors, making it to Montreal through the storm of the century proved to be the most daunting challenge. One team,



Concordia's own entry in the MBA Case Competition came second overall. Left to right are Kenneth Brooks, Myles G. MacPherson, coach Robert Gervais, Roula Zaarour, Shaun Hegarty and Alexander Goetz.

from the University of Massachusetts, nearly killed themselves when they crashed and destroyed their car on icy roads south of the Quebec border. Although no one was injured in the collision, the team arrived in Montreal only after renting another car and with only an hour to spare before preparing for their match.

The vicious weather also delayed another team from Boston's Northeastern University when their flight was cancelled. Not to be deterred, the team opted to take another flight to Vermont and drive the rest of the distance to Montreal in a rented car. In all, it took the group 24 hours to make it to the city for a trip that usually takes six hours by car.

Jean E. King, one of four members on the team, said the delays left them, too, with only a couple of extra hours before challenging their opponents. "It was overwhelming," she said of the experience. "We

thought that we would never make it."

However, both teams regained their composure in time for their matches. Like every team, they had three hours to read an unpublished case on a public or private company (uncovered and obtained by the organizers), dissect it and find the most cost-efficient ways to make the company grow.

On the final day of the competition, for example, Concordia, with a particularly strong team this year, was up against New Zealand's University of Otago. Both teams had 25 minutes to present a five-year business plan for the same Irish crystalware company. Each four-member team took turns arguing why their plan was the better option, followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer period, before a panel of three volunteer judges.

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Engineering Games go on despite weather

BY VERONIQUE JOUHAUD

The ice storm may have closed the downtown campus for more than a week, but it didn't stop engineering students from having fun at the 1998 Quebec Engineering Games/Jeux des génies, which were hosted this year by Concordia.

The annual competition, held this year from January 7 to 11, attracted more than 400 students representing 10 schools across Quebec. The students participated in sporting events, debates and games testing their skills in building, civil, computer, electrical, industrial and mechanical engineering.

Despite the bad weather, the organizing committee managed to hold most of the events as scheduled; only three out of 15 had to be cancelled. Once both campuses were closed, some events were moved to a hotel and others to McGill University and Marianopolis College.

"C'est comme une grande famille," Julie Chartier said of the Games. "It's a very friendly atmosphere." She is a Civil Engineering student and vice-president communications of the organizing committee.

Cheers filled the Henry F. Hall Building auditorium on the second day of the competition, as students attended the "action-reaction" game. No one seemed to care which team

designed the best machine to open a bottle of beer and pour its contents into a mug; they all got loud support. Eventually, the machine designed by the Université Laval students won.

The purpose of the Games is to meet people from other universities, Chartier said. "There will always be participants who take the competition seriously. But if you don't win, you're still happy for the others."

Chartier enjoyed organizing the Games, although she acknowledged that her spirits sagged when the whole event was nearly cancelled. From this experience, she said, she learned that one can never be completely prepared. The committee had planned for everything but a shut-down of the University.

Université de Sherbrooke, which will host next year's Games, won the competition. École Polytechnique finished second, and McGill was third. Concordia came last. But Chartier said they were not disappointed, since Concordia, which had the smallest delegations, still managed to win one academic game involving the Building Engineering students.

It is the first time that Concordia has hosted the competition, which started in 1990 at Université Laval.

Concordia places 4th overall, wins football and team cheering Western wins Undergraduate Business Games

BY SHELAGH PEDEN

The seventh annual Undergraduate Business Games took months for the Concordia hosts to plan — and then they had only five days to completely reschedule it.

The Games took place last weekend, January 16 to 18. The entire

event was scheduled to take place at Loyola campus, but Ice Storm '98 made that impossible.

The venue originally scheduled for volleyball was being used as a storm shelter, and the crush of hotel reservations from Montrealers made last-minute juggling necessary.

Organizers Normand Urbain and John Picciola and their crew had a

frantic five days. "It was a week of hell," sighed Uzma Mustafa. In fact, when Urbain realized the severity of the storm, he said, "I thought it was over."

If the Games had been cancelled, the students would have realized a loss of around \$70,000. In addition, each visiting team had spent between \$15,000 and \$20,000 on travel arrangements and other expenses. Sixteen Canadian universities participated, coming from as far as Manitoba and Nova Scotia.

The Undergraduate Business Games features all sorts of events, ranging from academic to athletic, but even the academic events are fun. Games include UBG Taboo, Jeopardy and University Feud.

The Spirit Cup got underway at the opening ceremonies, and the first event was Best Cheering Section. Each university was given one minute to scream their cheer and do their little routine. The volume and the roaring red faces were impressive.

Concordia won the team cheering
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UBG visitors celebrated last Saturday night with a "beach party."



The Rimouski team compete in the "action-reaction" event, while their friends cheer them on.

Cool assignment to Nagano Olympics for an arts festival

Kathryn Lipke will judge world's best snow sculptures at Nagano

BY DEBBIE HUM

Not all Concordians headed to the Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan next month will be competing. Professor Kathryn Lipke, who teaches in the Fibres program of the Studio Arts Department, will be one of five international jurors at the snow-sculpting competitions.

Lipke was first asked if she was interested in the assignment last summer by Juhanie Lillberg, a colleague at the University of Lapland.

Last month, Lipke was officially invited to represent North America at the snow-sculpting contests, which will be part of the Nagano Olympic Festival of Culture and Art. The other judges are from France, Italy, Finland and Japan. Fourteen countries will compete: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Estonia, Finland, France, Greenland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Russia, Sweden, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Lipke said that while many of the sculptors regularly work in snow, those who don't are attracted by its ephemeral quality and the chance to work on such a large scale. Each team works with a block of snow approximately 10 to 15 feet square.

"In snow, as in wood or metal, some shapes are more feasible. One would imagine relatively geometric forms and shapes," Lipke said. "Actually, I'm always amazed at the complexity and intricacy of the sculptures, which are often worked with complex interior spaces as well as exterior shapes."

Although Lipke has never sculpted in snow (she gets enough of the cold, she says), she has been a jury member at the international competition at Quebec City's Winter Carnival. Matti Terho, a chaplain at Concordia's Campus Ministry and a longtime friend, wasn't surprised



Environmental artist Kathryn Lipke, poised for her trip to Nagano, poses beside a piece of inadvertent environmental sculpture in front of the VA Building: what's left of the sunflowers planted last summer as a student's art installation.

about Lipke's selection to the snow-sculpting jury.

"Kathryn's an international star in some ways. She has international experience and is recognized as a topnotch artist," Terho said.

In her 20 years as an artist, Lipke has worked in many media, including paper, wood, cloth, stone and video. She has participated in sculpting symposia in Mexico and Argentina. More recently, her interest in environmental art has brought her to the Lapland region that straddles northern Norway, Sweden, Finland and the Kola peninsula of Russia.

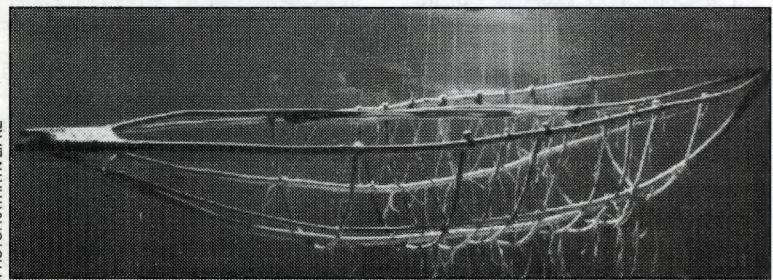
In 1991, Lipke participated in a wood-sculpting symposium in northern Finland above the Arctic Circle, working with other artists for a week under the midsummer midnight sun. She was asked back the following year to teach a papermaking course at the International Summer School at the University of Lapland. With the exception of

1995, Lipke has returned yearly to participate in the sculpture symposium in Finland and to teach an environmental art course. She acquired permanent part-time status at the University of Lapland last fall.

Lipke, who joined Concordia in 1977, has just completed her second video documenting the Maya people of Central America and the role of weaving and textiles in their history. She is embarking on another video project in Finland, with a Sami artist. A leader among Lapland's indigenous people, he uses both visual art and the poetic medium of the *yoik* (akin to Inuit throat-singing) as identity-markers, and to communicate issues and traditional culture.

"Kathryn portrays things in the most powerful way," Terho said. "Her work has a strong sense of the present and the future, yet the past is also reflected in it. The connecting point, which is close to my heart, is the spiritual element. Her connection to nature is strong, and it makes her work very distinctive and beautiful."

The Iiyama International Snow Sculpting Festival will be held in Nagano, Japan from February 10 to 14.



Spirit of Place, 1996, vessel with slide projection, by Kathryn Lipke. This work appeared in a show marking the Month of Photography (October) at Montreal's CIRCA Gallery.

Mary Ann Beckett-Baxter Memorial Lecture Series

Beyond the Fourth Wall: The Arts of Motion

Jeanne Renaud, LL.D

Award-winning dancer-choreographer

Friday, January 23 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Alumni Auditorium, Henry F. Hall Building



NAMES IN THE NEWS

COMPILED BY BARBARA BLACK

Concordia faculty, staff and alumni/a pop up in the media more often than you might think!

Steven Appelbaum (Management) was once again the source of Stephanie Whittaker's weekly careers feature on the front page of *The Gazette's* Saturday classified-ads section. This time (November 8), Appelbaum was talking about decoding corporate subcultures, and told a story on himself. Once, while employed in the U.S. by a private firm, he turned down a Christmas turkey — only to find out that he had hurt his employers' feelings.

A photo and an article about **Ronald Smith** (Education) appeared in *University Affairs*. He was one of the speakers at a recent conference on teaching organized by the University of Ottawa. Those who attended the workshops reportedly came away newly energized for the classroom.

Cinema Professor **Tom Waugh's** recent book, *Hard to Imagine: Gay Male Eroticism in Photography and Film from their Beginnings to Stonewall* (Columbia U.P., \$75), was listed among the *Village Voice's* "25 Favourite Books of 1997."

For his Master's in Fine Arts, **Peter Hoffer** painted a series of 6-foot canvases called "Fleet Transportation: A Study in Neo-Classicism." After high school, Hoffer had hitchhiked through Europe, and often thanked friendly truck drivers for a lift by sketching their behemoths. A photo of the young artist with the head of a local trucking firm appeared in the New Hamburg (Ont.) *Independent*, as he launched a travelling exhibit of the series.

Journalism Professor **Enn Raudsepp** was quoted in an article in *Hour* about the failure of the media to cover adequately the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), which critics say gives multinationals *carte blanche*. "You don't hear a serious debate between the right and left any more," Raudsepp observed. "It's more the new right versus the old right."

Lawrence Kryzanowski (Finance) was quoted in the *Financial Post* on December 2 on the takeover by the Polymer Group of Dominion Textile.

Lindsay Cryslar, recently retired from the Journalism Department, wrote an article for the Halifax *Daily News* called "Covering the uncoverable." He explained the reasons Canadian courts sometimes impose a media ban on court proceedings, and how such a ban can safeguard the rights of the accused.

Patsy Lightbown (TESL) was quoted in a Canadian Press story about French-language activists worried about their children learning English too young. "The real issue is not when you start teaching [a second language], but how much time you give and the quality of the instruction," she said. The article appeared in a number of newspapers in the Maritimes. She was quoted to the same effect in the January issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*, which has many readers across North America.

Pierre Gregoire (Art Therapy) was quoted in two Halifax papers, the *Chronicle-Herald* and the *Mail-Star*, on the efficacy of art therapy after he gave a workshop in that city. He is also a clinical psychologist at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal.

During the Christmas shopping frenzy, **Michel Laroche** (Marketing) and collaborators got a lot of mileage out of their study on gender differences in buying patterns, including an article in a major British newspaper, the *Daily Telegraph* and our own *Gazette*.

Elizabeth Langley, recently retired from the Contemporary Dance Department and still vital at 64, was the subject of a feature article and a lively photograph in the *Toronto Star*. She was there to prepare for a one-woman show in the 808 Series at Toronto's Central YMCA next month.

Loyola revitalization offers choices

An interim report issued by the Loyola task force presents several contrasting solutions to the west-end campus's longstanding identity crisis.

One would place all the humanities and social sciences on the Loyola Campus. Another, favoured by the Rector's Advisory Group, would see the natural and life sciences concentrated at Loyola, plus the performing arts, a humanities and social sciences service component, and perhaps Communication Studies/Journalism.

Also under consideration is the suggestion that all honours programs and colleges be housed at Loyola.

The advisory task force on the revitalization of the Loyola Campus enumerated these scenarios without comment in its interim report, presented to the Board of Governors on December 17. The task force, which is chaired by Board member Lillian Vineberg, expects to present its final recommendations in February.

Nearly 40 briefs were presented to the task force, an indication of wide-

spread concern over the physical deterioration of the gracious stone buildings, the reduction of services, and the lack of academic affinity among some of the users.

The members of the task force, who represent students, faculty, staff and the administration, toured the campus thoroughly last fall in five visits, each guided by a longtime user who spoke frankly about the campus's problems.

The committee established a set of principles to guide its deliberations. Among them were a commitment to a two-campus institution, consideration of the development of the downtown campus, enhancement of teaching and research facilities, concentration of cognate disciplines to maintain a strong student body, recognition of such practical realities as space norms and available finances, and "the need to strike a balance between individual preferences and the long-term future of the institution."

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Israeli, Jordanian, Egyptian universities will be invited to exchange students, teachers and researchers

Rector Frederick Lowy leads delegation to Middle East

A delegation led by Rector Frederick Lowy visited the Middle East this month, cultivating Concordia's relationships with colleges and universities in Israel, Jordan and Egypt.

The trip was the result of a happy conjunction of events. Early in June, Lowy had received an invitation to speak at a conference on medical ethics in Jerusalem. (The Rector is a psychiatrist and well-known medical ethicist.)

"I thought it would be useful to do some work while I was there on behalf of Concordia," Lowy explained, "and I found that we have many links in the region." These include active collaboration with the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), an agreement signed last year with Technion-Israel Institute, and projects in the past with Bar Ilana and Ben Gurion Universities in Israel.

As it happened, Bir Sahni, Concordia's Director of the Centre for International Academic Cooperation, had just received an invitation from the Canadian embassy in Tel Aviv, exploring the potential for closer cooperation between Canadian universities and those of the Palestinian community, which are quite needy. Sahni had already sent a favourable response.

As well, Concordia's Dean of

Engineering and Computer Science, Nabil Esmail, had just been appointed adjunct professor at Ain-Shams University in Cairo, and had accepted an invitation to deliver a series of lectures. Mechanical Engineering Professor Akif Bulgak, who is leading the project with JUST, was to attend a coordinators' meeting in Jordan.

Thus, Lowy, Esmail and Bulgak were all going to be in the region. Provost and Vice-Rector (Research) Jack Lightstone, who is a Judaic scholar with many interests in the region, was invited to join them.

Sahni coordinated the mission to ensure that all activities coincided. Among other commitments, the Concordia group met with Canadian, Israeli, Jordanian and Egyptian officials and academics in Tel Aviv, Amman and Cairo, and visit institutions in all three countries, including the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Concordia has broad international experience in South Africa, Tunisia, Zimbabwe, the West Indies and China. The trip enhanced existing academic linkages in the Middle East, and developed new ones. Once linkages are in place, Sahni said, possibilities arise for scholarly collaboration, student exchanges and visits by faculty in both directions.

The delegation highlighted a number of disciplines that are particularly strong here and could be of interest in

the region. These include communications and media studies, public policy, molecular biology, neurobiology, Canadian studies, studies in democratic, pluralistic societies, the Aviation MBA, the MSc and PhD in administration, the BComm for study abroad, advanced manufacturing technologies, building studies, computational fluid dynamics, robotics and intelligent systems, studio arts and cinema.

Sahni said that another goal is to ensure that Concordia has a role in an agreement of cooperation recently signed between Egypt and Quebec. A similar agreement with Israel is awaiting ratification.

In addition, CAE, the successful Montreal-area aviation electronics company that has been working closely with several experts at Concordia, decided to launch an executive visit to Egypt that coincided with that of the Concordia team.

The Middle East is a region filled with political tension, but many academics there, immersed in their scholarly and professional interests, wish it were otherwise.

"Academics always have an interest in getting together," Sahni said. "Who knows? This trip might, in its own way, pave the way for international academic cooperation, and lend support to the peace process itself."

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IN BRIEF...

Brian Aune named Governor Emeritus

Brian Aune was named Governor Emeritus at the December 17 meeting of the Board of Governors. Aune joined the Board in 1988 and was chair of the budget committee from 1993 to 1997. Aune, who retired from the Board last June, is chair of the St. James Financial Corporation.

Conference Board researcher talks quality to Concordians

Judith Gibson, a senior research associate for the Conference Board of Canada, visited Concordia in December.

She met with about 50 administrators, staff and union leaders to discuss the so-called "quality movement," which includes continuous quality improvement, or CQI, the management self-improvement technique adopted by the University two years ago.

Gibson is the author of the Conference Board Report *Continuous Improvement on a Tradition of Excellence: Lessons from the Study Tour on Total Quality in a University Setting*, and has done research on organizational effectiveness in both public and private institutions.

Since 1993, she has been involved in the Conference Board's work in organizational effectiveness in the public sector, with a particular focus on education, and manages the Quality Network for Universities, which brings together academics and senior administrators at Canadian universities on issues of mutual

interest.

While neither Gibson nor the Conference Board specifically promotes CQI, they have found it to be quite successful. Four common elements distinguish public and private institutions that were thriving in difficult times, she said, and these are consistent with the CQI approach: maximizing employees' potential, continuous improvement, integration of effort and management by fact.

When asked about the importance of leadership and strategic direction, Gibson said that leadership is important, but it need not always come from the top. Nor does important change come by waiting for a clearly defined strategic direction. "Don't place yourselves in a position of powerlessness," she said. "Waiting can do that."

Among those who attended her talk were 12 people on the working team of Concordia's Enrolment Management Project, the most ambitious CQI project the University has so far undertaken. It will use

CQI techniques to improve recruitment, admission, retention and graduation processes.

The Conference Board of Canada, of which Concordia is a member, is a national not-for-profit organization which carries out applied research in such areas as economic forecasting, public policy, organizational effectiveness and other issues of strategic importance to Canadian organizations.

If you didn't attend Judith Gibson's session in December and would like more information about it, please contact David Gobby, Coordinator of Quality Programs, at 848-4803.

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IN BRIEF...

Interim Director, Libraries

Lillian Rubinlicht, who is Assistant Director (Library Personnel) and Assistant Director (Planning and Priorities), will also be Interim Director of the Concordia Libraries until April 30, 1998.

Alumni Recognition Awards Banquet

Thursday, January 22
St. James's Club
1145 Union Ave.

Take part in this annual celebration of service to the University and its alumni associations, and join us in inaugurating the Humberto Santos Award of Merit.

Cocktails at 6 p.m.
For details or reservations, please call Gabrielle Korn, 848-3817, gkorn@coral.concordia.ca, or consult <http://alumni.concordia.ca/alumweb>

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University inaugurates research awards

A new award has been created to honour Concordia faculty members with outstanding research portfolios, and raise the profile of excellent scholarly investigation at the University.

The first recipients will be psychologist Lisa A. Serbin and computer scientist Ching Y. Suen. They will be presented with their \$5,000 awards at a dinner reception at the home of Rec-tor Frederick Lowy in late January.

Throughout 1998, they will bear the title Concordia University Research Fellow, and both will give public lectures, one this semester and the other next fall. (Dates and times will be announced later.)

The awards were proposed by the University Senate Research Committee to Senate last spring, and accepted in November. Nine candidates were proposed for the honour.

The criterion for the award was high research productivity for the period 1991-97, including awards and distinctions, publications and exhibitions, supervision of graduate students, letters of support, originality of research and contribution to knowledge.

Lisa A. Serbin

Lisa Serbin completed her PhD in clinical psychology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1972. She then joined Concordia's Department of Psychology, and was promoted to full professor in 1984; the same year, she was elected Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association.

Serbin has an impressive research



Lisa A. Serbin

profile in developmental psychology, particularly in the field of social stereotyping and gender-related patterns.

She has long been associated with a massive study in the Department's Centre for Research in Human Development, which has tracked poor children in a Montreal neighbourhood into adulthood. This and other studies draw attention from beyond the scientific community and have sometimes been incorporated into public policy planning.

During the past six years, she has published a monograph with the Society for Research in Child Development, titled "The Development of Sex-Typing in Middle Childhood," and has published many articles and book chapters. Her work

continues to attract major funding, and she has a remarkable citation record: since 1991, 44 times in the Science Citation Index, and 147 times in the Social Sciences Citation Index.

Serbin is invited to present her work in a variety of venues, and has been asked to serve on the editorial boards of major journals and on grant selection committees.

Finally, over the past six years, Serbin has demonstrated her commitment to training graduate students, having supervised to completion four doctoral research dissertations, five MA theses and five honours research theses.

Ching Y. Suen

Ching Y. Suen has an international reputation as a researcher in pattern recognition and image processing, focusing on the recognition of handwriting and the computer-processing of Chinese characters.

After receiving his PhD from the University of British Columbia in 1972, he joined Concordia's Depart-

ment of Computer Science, where he was promoted to full professor in 1979.

Between 1991 and 1997, the period covered by this award, Suen received a number of awards, including the ITA/NSERC Award for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Contribution (1992). In 1995, he became the first Concordia faculty member to be named Fellow of the Academy of the Royal Society of Canada.

Since 1991, he has written two books and more than 40 scholarly articles, and has often been cited in the literature. He was associate editor of several major journals in pattern recognition and signal processing, and has served on the grant selection committees of FCAR and NSERC.

He has been the consultant or principal investigator for more than 15 research contracts from government agencies and the industry, and has fulfilled visiting scholar appointments at the École Polytechnique de Montréal, IBM (San Jose, Ca.) and the Research Centre for Intelligent Machines (McGill University). -BB



Ching Y. Suen

IN BRIEF...

CUFA salary settlement

After more than two years of negotiations, a tentative agreement was reached on December 17 on a salary model and increases for faculty members and librarians for the years 1995 to 2002. The settlement includes career development increments (CDIs), merit payments, and increases in the professional development allowance, to be paid over the six-year period of the collective agreement. Negotiations on the outstanding issues continue.

Lynn Hughes is Acting Dean, Fine Arts

Dean of Fine Arts Christopher Jackson is in Europe working on a musical project. Until he returns in mid-April, Professor Lynn Hughes will fulfil his duties.

Commerce Games drew 1,200 participants

Concordia lived up to its shining reputation at the recent Commerce Games, held at Hautes Études Commerciales. Our Flag Football team and the Debate Case team both earned bronze, the Social Event Rallye Ricard and Bank of Montreal Finance team each earned silver, and the Marketing Case team won gold.

More than 1,200 students showed off their skills in marketing, accounting, production/operations management, entrepreneurship and international business.

Jacques Dubois, Director of Human Resources for the Bank of Montreal, generously offered not only to sponsor the cocktail party, but to provide mentors to our team of 80 students.

Biologists, chemists, biochemists, computer scientists unite to push knowledge envelope

BioChem Pharma gift will create genetics research facility

BY KELLY WILTON

A recent \$1-million Capital Campaign gift from BioChem Pharma, combined with \$100,000 from its founder, alumnus Francesco Bellini, will put Concordia at the forefront of Canadian research into the genetic makeup of organisms.

The donations will be used to set up a biotechnology and bioinformat-

ics research facility that will bring together researchers from Concordia's Biology, Computer Science, and Chemistry and Biochemistry Departments.

Biotechnology is a set of biological techniques developed through basic research and now applied to research and product development. Biotechnology products include insulin and antibiotics.

Bioinformatics is a science that involves applying computer-based tools to store, process and access biological data about the genetic material of an organism. This gives researchers access to DNA (where genetic information is encoded) so they can discover more about how organisms and human beings function. Armed with more knowledge about genes, researchers will be able to discover new medical treatments and improve productivity in industry.

The interdisciplinary nature of the facility will make it unique in Canada, and promises to put Concordia on the map for research in this field.

"This centre will allow us to make a major contribution to science," said Biology Professor Reg Storms. "Our research could lead to new discoveries in medicine, or the development of new drugs to treat human diseases."

Over the next two years, gene-chip technology, computing and cell-growth facilities, and DNA sequencing and manipulation equipment will be purchased to set up the facility, which will be housed in the Henry F. Hall Building.

The current focus of international research in this area is on identifying the protein information encoded in DNA and determining the functional relevance of this information. Concordia researchers study the genetic makeup of model organisms, such as baker's yeast and the bacterium *Escherichia coli*.

"Knowing the complete DNA sequence of these model organisms is revolutionizing how we do basic research," said Biology Professor Adrian Tsang. "There is a lot of sim-

ilarity between the genes in the model organisms and those in humans, so by studying them systematically, we will be able to learn a lot more about how cells function in humans."

Biochemistry Professor Paul Joyce said the protein-related research that will be conducted in the facility could lead to medical breakthroughs.

Information gathered by Concordia's biology and biochemistry researchers will be stored on computers. Clement Lam, Chair of the Computer Science Department, said this is where members of his department step in, by creating programs to retrieve information fast and accurately. Researchers will also be able to model protein structures on the computer to predict how they will function.

"A lot of research is done on computers today," Lam said. "In the past, computer science was far removed from this type of research, but today, it is an essential element. We are very happy to be part of it."



Adrian Tsang

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How some University staff members responded to the crisis:

Barbara Woodside, Psychology, research scientist: "The staff did a good job. The emergency circuits ensured that the research animals had heat, but there wasn't enough power to provide light or ventilation. The students who provide animal care watered and fed the animals by candlelight. I went in every other day

at first, and then every day. And then a water main broke in the Drummond Sciences Building (independent of the storm). It happens every year. When the power went on again at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, I couldn't believe it. I went over to flick the light switch to be sure."

Sue Magor, Director of Environmental Health and Safety: "I lined up students to help at the Loyola High School shelter, about 40 of them, and for another shelter in Little Burgundy. Most of them went around with the police, checking on residents. Some staff helped, too. Robert Lortie, the operations manager at Loyola, was just wonderful, and things went extraordinarily well. Nabil Bissada (Hazardous Materials Coordinator) went around to all the labs. I didn't do much, just kick-started a few things. Now I'm trying to get information together for an emergency preparedness/disaster response policy."

Mimi Littman, Director of Residence Administration: "In a sense, Concordia ended up having a shelter of its own. When the power went down and stayed down at the residence on the Loyola campus, the University made sure the students were warm, fed, and busy."

"At first, the Dean of Students



Trees litter the Loyola grounds on January 7.



Tackling the ice on Bishop Street.

provided buffet lunches, and, on one occasion, took all 144 students out to a Chinese restaurant for dinner.

"Thanks to a generator, there was heat everywhere, but half the building was always without power."

"When the Loyola shelter opened up nearby, many used it for meals, and some went door-to-door to check on neighbours and the elderly. Most students, however, went home

to their families. I was stuck downtown, which was quite stressful. Jeff Peters, Assistant Director of Residence, became captain of the ship, staying at the residence and being on call 24 hours a day. He was really put to the test. I am also grateful to all the Resident Assistants who stayed at Hingston Hall and made sure everyone was well taken care of."

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staff and portable generators which were acquired to supplement the permanent ones.

Director of Security Michel Bujold and Assistant Director Victor Francisco were everywhere at once.

"Things went really well," said an exhausted Bujold early this week. "Nearly all of the 70 security staff showed up for work, despite their storm-related problems at home." If they had to, they brought home along with them. "At one point," he laughed, "we had a girlfriend, a wife, an infant, two dogs and a bird spending the nights with us."

Power was out at Loyola for 11 days, from 1:15 a.m. on January 6 to the afternoon of January 16. The blackout meant that the Athletics Department had to reschedule eight basketball and hockey games. Several were played at McGill University.

"Our first concern was the well-being of the students, not the games schedule," said Communications Officer Catherine Grace. "Every member of the staff had students staying with them."

Power went out downtown early in the afternoon of Friday, January 9, and the University shut down completely. By Wednesday, January 14, power had been back on for a while, and despite warnings by Hydro-Québec to avoid the city core for fear of collapsing the fragile network, staff were quietly returning to their offices. Central among these were the senior administrators, deans and heads of departments who made up a hastily convened Emergency Council. The Council met every day to

consider what should be done.

Registrar Lynne Prendergast and her staff were faced with the horrendous task of rescheduling classes, finding classrooms for them, and explaining it all to anxious students and faculty, a job that is still going on. It was Public Relations' task to get the word out to the Concordia community and the media.

Explaining is all in a day's work for Lise Tavares, Director of Information Services. "It's been hell," she said in exasperation, as she juggled the phones in the Henry F. Hall Building's main-floor booth early in the crisis. "People have been pretty patient."

Acting Dean of Students Roger Côté and Sup Mei Graub, Director of Counselling and Development, issued advice to their own front-line troops to be particularly sensitive.

"Returning students may be wor-

ried, frustrated, confused and impatient," they cautioned. "These are normal reactions. Acknowledge students' difficulties and reassure them. Expect to hear and answer the same questions over and over again, even from the same student. Don't minimize their concerns. Don't top their stories or cut them short, and don't give false hopes."

Jackie Chegrinac, Secretary to the Vice-Rector Services, said staff did a great job. "The switchboard has been swamped," she said in the midst of the crisis. "Electricians, plumbers and groundsman have been going non-stop, trying to make sure the pipes don't burst."

They didn't. And in spite of lack of sleep, cold weather and difficult work, the troops, whether out in the cold or at the end of a phone line, remained cheerful and optimistic.

- With help from Alison McArthur



Cynthia Raso, second-year Sociology student, looks up information for a client at the busy information booth in the Henry F. Hall Building.

Professors reflect on the ice storm and its aftermath:

David Frost, climatologist, Department of Geography: "(In this type of storm), there is warm air on top, and cooler air underneath. The cool air pushes up into the warm air to cause the freezing rain." The weather system that brought the ice storm was only moving at about 5 km an hour, while the average weather system moves at about 50 to 60 km an hour. "This thing pretty much stalled on top of us."

Praveen Jain, Electrical Engineering: "(Hydro-Québec) obviously didn't think this could happen. Underground cables are more reliable (than overhead ones), but they would cost a fortune — several tens of billions of dollars. Because most of the infrastructure is in place, it would be (difficult) to put in underground cables, but any new developments should go underground."

Sabah Alkass, construction engineering and management, School for Building: "I believe in Hydro-Québec, and I am sure they will study this phenomenon and compare costs. We will approach them to see if we can do a study. In engineering, we teach economics, and (the storm's effects) will be a good example to explain benefit and cost, which I will use throughout the semester."

David Greene, Geography, in an article in last Saturday's *Gazette*, titled "Green disaster": The main region for ice storms is the humid west-to-east belt running from Wisconsin through southern Quebec to the Maritimes. Farther north, fronts bring snow; farther south, they invariably produce rain. Previous recent major ice storms

in the Montreal area were in 1942, 1961, 1983; only in 1961 was damage comparable. However, this storm killed 35 per cent of the forested area in the region from Montreal to Drummondville, or the equivalent of 7,000 square km of forest, an unprecedented disaster.

Raye Kass, small-groups expert in Applied Human Sciences: "Collaboration and high generosity won out over competition. Resources were shared. What brought people together and held them was need. (But this only lasts for a while, and only if there's no danger to life). Then there was territory—the reluctance to leave, and the fear of loss. But people were willing to share their territory. My brother in Pointe Claire had a generator, and 40 people in his home. I think of World War II, of adversity pulling people together. The storm came right after Christmas, an intense period of family connectedness, and while some found it difficult to be in close quarters, families that were open with one another fared better. Also, after a while, in both homes and shelters, a certain amount of structure and routine were needed."

Daniel Salée, Principal, School of Community and Public Affairs: "It was very well handled by both levels of government — no one-upmanship, no partisanship. On the policy side, obviously the preparedness wasn't there. The ice storm was not a freak thing; last year, Lanaudière was out for a week. On a social note, we saw people in local communities getting together to find solutions. As a political scientist, I considered it an implicit critique of the state's all-embracing power. It represents a shift in attitude."

Snapshots of a storm from Concordians:

Michael Di Grappa, Executive Director, Physical Resources: "My wife went into labour in the wee hours of Friday morning. Our baby was due on January 20; I guess she figured that life would be more interesting if mom and dad had to struggle to get to the hospital during an ice storm when most of the city was blacked out! At least it will give her a point of reference years from now, when she tells people that she was born during the Storm of the Century."

"The Jewish General Hospital was without power and was functioning on a generator. Everything went well, and our new daughter, Arianna Emily Di Grappa, was born on Friday, January 9, at 12:29 p.m. Mother and daughter are doing well, although dad is still a wreck."

Howard Bokser, editor, *Concordia Magazine*: "On Tuesday morning, the entire Loyola Campus had no power, but the Wee Professors daycare remained with electricity, as they're not on the same line. Sure enough, at 9:30 a.m., the power went out there, too, and stayed out for a week. For the next three days, at about 6 a.m., co-directors Sandra Chang and Brenda MacDonald contacted Mike Bujold, the Director of Security and the parent of a child at the daycare. He told them of the status of the building. Sandra and Brenda then called their eight educators, who then called the 44 parents to inform them of the centre's closing, all before 7 a.m. Their wee-hours efforts were much appreciated."

Mary O'Malley, learning and study skills specialist: "On Friday, at the height of the storm period, we at Counselling and Development were told that we could leave at noon. Four of us who stayed to finish a few last-minute things found ourselves in total blackness when the power went off at SGW at about 12:10 p.m. There was no emergency lighting to help us find our way down from the fourth floor. With no light from outside, it was incredibly black! Our efficient receptionist, Norma Barnes, called Security to inquire about help and was informed that staff would come with flashlights, but that they were starting at the top floors, so it would be a while. Whereupon Norma whipped a fat red candle and matches out of her desk, as if they were the most usual types of things to have on hand in the office, and we guided ourselves out. Some thoughtful people think of everything!"

Suzanne Belson, University Ombudsperson: "I volunteered at a shelter at Bialik High School in Côte St. Luc, where many elderly people were transferred from area seniors' residences. Early on, beds, or any-



Maureen Pennell, Mary O'Malley, Norma Barnes and Andrea MacDonald with the precious candle that got them out of the Henry F. Hall Building when the emergency lights went on the blink.

thing that could serve as a bed, were in short supply. I called Harry Zarins, (Director of Recreation/Athletics) and asked if I could borrow Loyola's supply of gym mats. Harry gave the OK. Victor Francisco (Security Operations Officer) arranged for access to the Athletic Complex; Neil Sowden (Security Officer) lit the way through a pitch-black gym and helped hoist almost 100 mats into vans. Two mats on top of each other made a reasonably comfortable mattress. And 45 people got to sleep better for the next few nights. Thanks, all!"

Zoja Smutny, Stacy Hannah and Lauren De Gileo, Contemporary Dance students: Determined to do their part, they offered to give aerobics sessions at several shelters (the Palais de Congrès and the Old Brewery Mission), but were turned down. Then they went to the Loyola High School, and found 20 people out of 200 with the energy to join them.

Susan Hirshorn, student: "We lost power for only 16 hours but I became a little crazed after about 5 hours of being alone with no lights. Somebody, somewhere, must have done research on the effects of heat and/or light deprivation on mental functioning. Or maybe it's the combination of no heat, no lights, running helter-skelter and then have one's hopes raised and dashed by flickering lights and cheap transformers."

Eugenia Xenos, copy editor, CTR, was trying to get back from Chicago: "It was a good thing I was urged to call the airline, because my flight had been cancelled. After three days, I took off at last. On the crowded plane, we watched the in-flight newscast with horror, as branches crashed down all around the reporter. It was surreal to be plunged into the frozen city. But I count myself lucky to have made it back and to have shared in the experience of sheltering and being sheltered, icing and de-icing. In the future, I'll always call

ahead to the airline."

Ann Franklin-Böttjer, Student Affairs Office, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science: "Seven and a half days with no power, tempers were short, I was sick as a dog, Paprika (my cat) was sick as a dog (\$1,200 later, he doesn't have cancer, he's on steroids, he's on thyroid medication, he's feeling much better), Jeff (my husband) was getting over being sick as a dog. My walls and ceiling in the living room are black with candle smoke/soot. I no longer wish to light candles to help me relax (used to like them, probably will again, but not for a while). Spent six days living in a cold, dark tomb, two days at my brother's place. Other than that, it was nice to have the extra time off."

Patricia Chau, student and staff member: "On Day Five, I went skiing with a group of 80 students to Mont Tremblant. (Organizers had tried to cancel the trip, but the agency refused.) The traffic lights went off on the way there, and when we stopped at McDonald's, they didn't have enough food for us. Although Mont Tremblant was picturesque and peaceful, we experienced a series of blackouts. It was pitch dark as I looked outside our condo; all I could see were the contours of the mountains against the sky."

"Nik," on concordia.general (electronic bulletin board): "I miss the darkness. I miss the primitive madness of the people who lived in the dark. Now we return to normal, trusting science and each other, believing in the goodness of people. But in the shadowy murk of memory, we all now know that something as seemingly insignificant as electric light keeps the demons, ghosts, and pagan gods away. Take away the lights, and watch people revert to primitive tribes, roaming the city streets in bands, hunting down beer and birth control, howling at the moon."

NOTICE: REVISED DATES

The University has adjusted the 1997-98 Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Calendars for the Winter Term. The Mid-Term Break, originally scheduled from Monday, February 23 to Saturday, February 28 inclusive, has been cancelled (including Rector's Holiday).

Effectively, all undergraduate and graduate Winter 98 credit courses have lost two weeks of class due to the closure of the University from January 6 to 18 inclusive.

The January 12 to 17 week of class cancellations will be made up during February 23 to 28 inclusive. Classes will be held according to the regular weekly class schedule.

Earlier class cancellations must also be rescheduled. As Sundays are the only day of the week on which classes are not normally scheduled, make-up classes will normally be held on Sundays according to the following schedule:

Classes normally held on Monday will be held on	February 8
Classes normally held on Tuesday will be held on	February 15
Classes normally held on Wednesday will be held on	February 22
Classes normally held on Thursday will be held on	March 1
Classes normally held on Friday will be held on	March 8
Classes normally held on Saturday will be held on	March 15

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The following deadlines have been adjusted:

Last day to add winter-term courses or make section changes **January 27**

Last day to apply for DEF/MED notation for Fall courses **January 29**

Last day to apply for degrees, diplomas and certificates for Spring 1998 graduation **January 30**

Deadline for withdrawal with full tuition refund for winter-term courses **February 2**

Deadline for fee payment **February 2**

Last day to apply for replacement and supplemental examinations for courses ending in December 1997 (graduating students only) **February 9**

Last day to apply for re-evaluation of courses ending in December 1997 **February 15**

Replacement and supplemental examinations for courses ending in December 1997 (graduating students only) **February 21**

University Writing Test, originally scheduled for January 16, has been rescheduled to **January 30**. All appointment cards issued for January 16 will be honoured. (Same time - same place).

All other deadlines remain as published in the 1997-98 Undergraduate Academic Calendar, Section 11.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The following deadlines have been adjusted:

Course change period ends **January 27**

Last day for students to apply for Spring Convocation **January 30**

DNE deadline for withdrawal from Winter 1998 courses, with tuition refund **February 2**

Final payment deadline for course and other fees - Winter (1/4 courses) **February 2**

Last day to apply for Concordia University Graduate Fellowships **February 16**

Academic withdrawal deadline from Winter one-term courses (with partial tuition refund) **February 16**

Last day for doctoral thesis submission to the Thesis Office for Spring Convocation **March 5**

Last day for master's thesis submission to the Thesis Office for Spring Convocation **March 20**

All other deadlines remain as published on page viii, in the 1997-98 Graduate Academic Calendar.



Student journalists show their stuff

BY DONNA VARRICA

If you were able to listen to a radio, read a newspaper or watch a television newscast during the ice-storm crisis, you probably saw a Concordia graduate or student at work.

From CJAD to *The National's* own "Scud Stud," (Mark Kelley, according to *The Gazette's* Mike Boone), from CFCF's and CBC's roving reporters in the Triangle of Darkness (Stéphane Giroux and Ioanna Roumeliotis, to name just two) to a whole newsroomful of journalists at Montreal's only English-language daily — all of them, ours.

CJAD lost its transmission towers on the South Shore on January 8. The airwaves were silent for 33 hours as the station scrambled to find another outlet. Veteran CJAD reporter Derek Conlon, a Concordia graduate, said that Friday, 5:23 a.m., was his worst moment in radio.

"We were stunned, in disbelief, wondering what we were going to do," he said. "There's no way to prepare for something like this. As a reporter, it's frustrating when your whole outlet just disappears and

you're not able to inform listeners to help them deal with the situation."

Conlon credits the perseverance of the station's engineering department, the volunteers who delivered the fuel to the generators, the arrangements station management made to assume CFMB's old position on the dial (1410), and Mix 96's generosity in letting CJAD do its newscasts at the top of each hour, for keeping the station on the air.

Another CJAD stormtrooper was Kelly Laparé, a 1990 graduate of the Broadcast Journalism program. "I found out I would be doing the helpline that first morning, as I was driving in," she said.

"I was shocked that it would be me and only me answering the phones. They were ringing off the hook. Then they put two interns on with me, Rosemary Fata and Margo Vizbara from the Journalism Department. The listeners were really appreciative. It was unbelievable, all these people not knowing what to do and here I was with all this information."

Local CBC radio went on 24-hour emergency duty during the storm and its aftermath, providing news, traffic, weather, advice and an exchange of views. Knocked off the

AM band when its South Shore antenna went down, the station continued to transmit at 93.5 FM.

One of the people helping out at CBC was CTR's own copy editor, Eugenia Xenos, a 1992 Journalism/Communication Studies graduate, who put in two gruelling 12-hour shifts and four eight-hour shifts. She was accompanied by a number of Concordia graduates, among them, Ita Kendall, Nancy Wood, Shawn Apel, and Silvia Cademartori, who was on loan to the CBC from her usual job in production at CFCF.

"We were getting tons of calls from people saying CBC was their only lifeline," Xenos said. "They had no power, just a little transistor radio."

That Concordia graduates provided a lifeline to so many makes Journalism Chair Enn Raudsepp proud. He was himself without power for more than a week, but he dug himself out of the heart of NDG with a mission — to make sure everyone knew the essential services provided by some of the thousands of graduates produced by Journalism and Communication Studies in the last past 30 years.

IN BRIEF...

Healing Politics

The women of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute took the opportunity of a pre-holiday dinner in their cosy Bishop St. quarters to launch a collection of essays, poems and reportage on the theme of healing.

The scholarly review, called *Healing Politics*, covers a wide range of subjects under that broad heading, from the spiritual side of the *sauna* as practised by the Sami of Lapland to the possible link between domestic violence and high-testosterone television sports.

There is even an article by a reformed smoker who now specializes in writing as a therapy for others trying to quit.

Principal Chantal Maillé reports that 112 students are actively involved in the Women's Studies program out of a total enrolment of more than 300 students. Maillé said, "In future, we would like to focus on some of the students who are less active."

Healing Politics is dedicated to jurist Esmeralda Thornhill, holder of the James Robinson Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies at Dalhousie University, who was given an honorary doctorate at the Arts and Sciences convocation last spring. Copies of the journal are available at the Institute, 2170 Bishop St. —BB

Lightstone fields questions from student leaders

Provost Jack Lightstone met December 2 with student leaders to bring them up to date on academic planning. The current planning process, driven by budget constraints, careful examination of the University's mission and self-appraisal by the Faculties, has gone on for two years, and will continue for two or three more.

So far, only one major discipline has been eliminated from the curriculum (geology), but the number of undergraduate programs will shrink

by one-third and the teaching complement by one-eighth. Lightstone emphasized that students, faculty and staff will be consulted at every step.

As well as questions about specific departments and their future, Lightstone fielded queries about use of University space, the internationalization of course offerings, interface with CEGEPs and other Montreal universities, the retirement age for professors and general versus specialized education.



Provost Lightstone (right) speaks to student leaders.

Special Thanks To Our Ice Storm Heroes!

We would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of our Physical Resources Employees during the recent Ice Storm. The following individuals, and many others throughout the university worked tirelessly around the clock, above and beyond the call of duty, to ensure the safety of the University Community and its buildings. Their hard work, in the face of such adversity, is inspiring, reassuring and greatly appreciated. Thanks for a job well done!

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Michael Di Grappa
Executive Director, Physical Resources



Prix Paul-Émile Borduas winner

Professor Irene Whittome, long associated with Concordia's Faculty of Fine Arts, was presented with the Prix Paul-Émile Borduas for her creative contribution over a distinguished career.

Called by one enraptured critic "a true archeologist of the imaginary," Whittome often uses the image of an egg to create haunting, austere works on the themes of fertility and death. She was born in Vancouver, but many years ago made Montreal her home and her inspiration. A major retrospective of her work was held at the Musée d'art contemporain last year.

Her Prix Borduas was the subject of many feature articles in Quebec newspapers last month.

1,200 Concordians take courses from home

Twelve hundred Concordia students never come to class. In fact, they hardly ever set foot on campus, except to drop in on Clara Paradisis, on the little-known third floor of the Henry F. Hall Building.

Paradisis is the coordinator of Open and Distance Learning, the main contact point for students who are taking courses by television or computer.

Student papers and messages for professors are left at the office on the downtown campus, and learning materials are picked up. Paradisis and her secretary, Connie Cianciarelli, can answer all sorts of questions either in person or by phone. In fact, there's an interactive voice system available on a continuous basis in English and French.

CANAL is the acronym for the Quebec universities and colleges educational network, which you will find on UHF, channel CFTU-29; 26 on cable, and on the Télé-Québec network (UHF channel 17).

Concordia is a major player on CANAL-Savoir, providing two academic courses and a lively news magazine about life at Concordia produced by our own Journalism students. All the programs are repeated

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Secretary Connie Cianciarelli (left) and Clara Paradisis, Coordinator of Open and Distance Learning.

throughout the week. (See schedule.) Concordia also offers several courses on the Internet.

Students pay the same fees as they would for on-campus courses. They enrol from as far away as Ontario, British Columbia and even Barbados, which can now receive the CANAL network.

As well as the courses, Paradisis helps students who want to take courses or write exams in other provinces or countries.

She was the assistant to Mark Schofield, Director of Audio Visual Services, until he retired last month. Back in 1988-89, they started offer-

ing a distance-education course in anthropology on a trial basis, and it was gradually joined by other offerings. Last June, when Continuing Education closed its off-campus unit, Audio Visual acquired responsibility for that sector.

Audio Visual has just merged with Computing Services, and the new name for the expanded unit is Information and Instructional Technology Services (IITS).

The Open and Distance Learning Office is at H-339, reached via the Mackay St. entrance to the Henry F. Hall Building. The phone number is 848-3440. -BB

'We've had orders from Katmandu to Stockholm to Los Angeles' Education students design CD-ROM on global economics

BY JORDAN ZIVITZ

A production team from Concordia's MA program in Educational Technology has developed a unique CD-ROM in partnership with the Social Justice Committee (SJC) of Montreal.

Pillaged Lives: Third World Debt & Global Institutions is an interactive program that serves as an easy-to-understand guide to the intimidating subject of global economics. The CD-ROM works on a number of levels, allowing the user to gain either a quick overview or in-depth analysis of Third World poverty issues.

While *Pillaged Lives* was designed primarily for users with only a basic understanding of global economics, those who have wider knowledge of topics concerning the Third World can delve into the program's deeper layers, which include a number of case studies and reference sections.

Derek MacCuish, program coordinator at the SJC, said the CD-ROM is a way of making information concerning social improvement available on a global scale.

"One of the things we do is try to educate people in our community about economic and human rights problems, and then show how we can move to solutions," MacCuish explained. "The CD-ROM fits in

with that, but it also extends beyond our community. We've had orders from Katmandu to Stockholm to Los Angeles."

When MacCuish was looking for a team to develop the software program, he approached Concordia's Education Department. Paul Cholmsky and Robert Gordon, two MA students in Educational Technology, had demonstrated superior skills in message design and production techniques, and were selected to work on the CD-ROM. David Wells, Program Director for the MA program, oversaw the students' involvement in the project.

MacCuish's decision to create *Pillaged Lives* with Cholmsky, Gordon and Wells rather than with production houses or private developers was based on the fact that the SJC wanted an educational product first and foremost. "(Private developers) could develop a reference tool," said MacCuish, "but we weren't sure if they could develop an educational program."

Wells added that the division of labour within production houses requires instructional designers to work in isolation from production crews, a system that often results in a breakdown of communication, whereas students in the Ed Tech program are adept with both technical and theoretical frameworks.

"When you get people who have both (technical and instructional) skills, there's a direct interpretation from design into production," Wells explained. "It makes the work smoother, and the end result is much, much better."

Cholmsky and Gordon worked on *Pillaged Lives* from September 1996 to May 1997. A large chunk of that time was spent chasing information; the Concordia team sifted through more than 100 text files and several hundred slides provided by the SJC, searching for the most appropriate images and words for inclusion.

Both Cholmsky and Gordon are almost finished the Educational Technology program, and have founded The Article 19 Group, Inc., a new-media-based business. The two MA students did not receive academic credit for their work on *Pillaged Lives*, opting instead to use the project as a learning experience.

Wells sees the project as a bridge between the classroom and the professional work force. "It makes the experience here in the MA program that much better."

The CD-ROM is available at the Concordia Bookstore (downtown campus) and the QPIRG office (2130 Mackay St.). The CD-ROM can also be ordered directly from the SJC of Montreal. Call 933-6797.

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From left to right, Robert Gordon, David Wells, Derek MacCuish and Paul Cholmsky.

Lessons in learning through distance ed

Amy O'Neil has been teaching a survey course in educational psychology on CANAL that started last September.

Thirty-seven students are enrolled, and usually, O'Neil only meets them at a preliminary orientation session and the writing of the final exam.

As with on-site courses, some students participate more than others, but the nucleus of the class communicates freely with her on the Internet. For O'Neil, who is working on her MA in Educational Studies, it's a chance to observe learning styles in action, though she's not doing formal research on her CANAL work.

"Some students do better with distance learning, and others don't," she said. "The dynamics change on the Internet, both student-to-student and student-to-teacher. It's much less formal than in the classroom, although I'm pretty structured myself. I try to

maintain the same tone, for instance."

When you're communicating electronically, there can be misunderstandings because the correspondent misses the visual clues, so it's important to be clear. And if a student has a delicate problem, such as with a disputed grade, she offers the chance to discuss it face-to-face.

O'Neil worked all summer with a production team, creating videotapes for the CANAL course. The interviews, moderated by Education Chair Richard Schmidt, were with experts and practitioners in the field.

As for the students, they run the gamut from conventional students who attend their other courses on campus, to the resident of an Indian reserve, a flight attendant who is always on the wing, and a student in a tiny Inuit community in northern Quebec, whose exam had to be faxed there and invigilated by the local school principal because of bad weather. -BB

Here is the schedule for the distance-learning courses currently offered by Concordia:

Anthropology 202: Introduction to Culture is taught by Professor Christopher Trott, and is the veteran of the network. It is on CANAL (UHF 29/26) on Mondays at 9 p.m., Wednesdays at 3 p.m., Thursdays at 2 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. and on Télé-Québec on Mondays at noon.

Education 210: Psychology of Education is taught by Amy O'Neil, and is on CANAL on Mondays at 9 a.m., Tuesdays at 9 p.m., Thursdays at 2 p.m., Saturdays at midnight and Sundays at 9 a.m., and on Télé-Québec on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Some of the work is done by computer conferencing.

Concordia Today, the news magazine program produced by students, is on CANAL on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at 3 p.m., Fridays at 2 p.m., Saturdays at 11 p.m. and Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

On the Internet, Concordia offers two courses. The first is *Interdisciplinary Studies 298: Discover Statistics* on the World Wide Web. A course outline may be obtained from the homepage (<http://artsci.ccwin.concordia.ca>), and accounts to access the course can be purchased from the Loyola Learning Laboratories Office.

Education 305: Technology for Educational Change. It's a multimedia course taught by Marcy Slapcoff and Eva Bures. Students register as usual through CARL, and arrange for the learning materials (e-mail, group software for conferencing) at the Open and Distance Learning Office. There's also a graduate-level course on the Web. It's an Education course called *Introduction to Adult Learning at a Distance*. Given through computer conferencing, it is taught by Professor Paul Bouchard.

\$12,000 earned for student aid

Lassie comes to Loyola

BY BARBARA BLACK

For several days in December, parts of the Loyola Campus were transformed into a television set for a family series that will be seen around the world.

The final episode, "Amazing Grace," of a Cinar series on Lassie was filmed over five days, December 6 to 10, in the F.C. Smith Auditorium, Provost Jack Lightstone's office and several hallways.

Loyola staff were fascinated by the proceedings, reported Ann M. Bennett (Rector's Office/Senate). They were allowed to watch from behind powerful lights set up in office doorways, and enjoyed a big tap dancing scene.

Cinar were good tenants, too, Bennett reported. "They vacuumed all the offices before putting the furniture back," she said, "and Security informed me that they washed the Auditorium floors every evening before leaving. So they have become my example of what a good, organized film production company does on location."

In fact, the Loyola Campus is quite popular with filmmakers. This contract brought in \$12,000 in rental fees, which went straight to the Friends of Concordia Endowment Fund for student aid. It was coordinated through the Public Relations Department by Office Manager Sandra D'Sylva with on-site help from Bennett.

About 60 extras and two canine actors were involved in the production, which will be seen in about 50 countries. Micheline Charest, a



Cinar said thank you with this group photo of the cast.

recipient of our business Faculty's Award of Distinction and a featured speaker at the Women and Work seminar, founded Cinar Films with a partner and has made the Montreal-based company a successful international producer of family entertainment.

During the filming at Loyola, *Gazette* columnist Peggy Curran reported that a Lassie fan club in the United States was outraged because the dogs used in the Cinar series were not direct descendants of the first movie Lassie, used in the 1943 movie, *Lassie Come Home*, starring the teenaged Elizabeth Taylor. Nor were they trained by descendants of that dog's trainer, Rudd Weatherwax.

The editor of a magazine called *Collie-ctively* organized an Internet campaign against Cinar, and huffed, "Lassie is an American icon."

In fact, *Lassie Come Home* was written in the U.S., but set in Britain. The author was Eric Knight, who himself had a life worthy of fic-

tion. Born in Yorkshire in 1897, he and his brothers were separated while their widowed mother found work as a governess for the Russian royal family. While still a child, he worked in a steel mill, a cotton mill and several factories.

In 1912, the family was reunited in Philadelphia, and Knight attended art school. He tried his hand at commercial art, newspaper writing, screenplays and adult novels. Finally, recollection of an incident in his own childhood suggested the harrowing, socially pointed and ultimately uplifting story of a border collie that makes a 400-mile trek from Scotland to Yorkshire to find her master.

An enduring success, the novel inspired several movies and television series. Lassie has been a ranch dog, a suburban pet and a canine rescue heroine, always in the U.S. As for Knight, he never got to reap the rewards. He died in a plane crash while serving in World War II, in 1943.

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competition and the football game, came in second in Ultimate Frisbee, and third in Jeopardy. The University of Western Ontario was the overall winner.

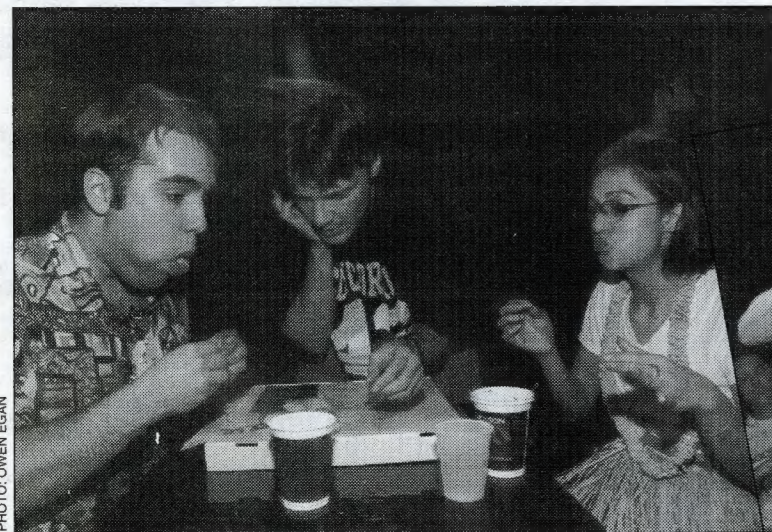
Concordia started a new tradition

by honouring three contributors: Molson representative Benoit Raspa, "Mr. UBG" Paul Mirshak, (who had attended every previous UBG except the first), and Alia Del Bianco, last year's president.

Urbain wants to thank all who helped, including Dean Mohsen Anvari and Associate Dean Danielle

Morin, Conference Services Senior Events Organizer Margaret MacPherson, Dean of Students Roger Côté, Phil Lorangi and Security's Victor Francisco. "We couldn't have done it without Security," Urbain said.

He also salutes his fellow students for their hard work, and the sponsors for their contributions.



Out-of-town students attending the Undergraduate Business Games enjoyed a beach party at Le Medley last Saturday. The fun included a pizza-eating contest and twirling hula-hoops.



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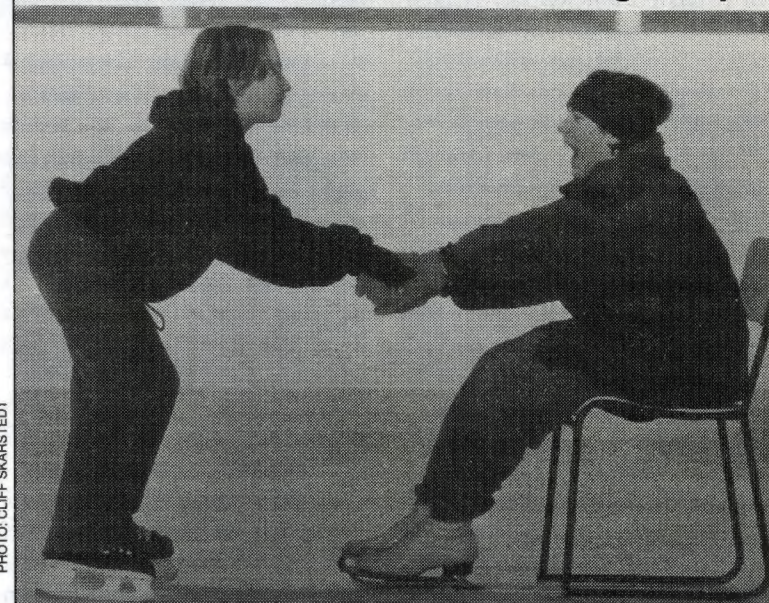
The judges, about 150 business executives, were recruited from large companies located in Chicago, Toronto and Montreal. Concordia Commerce alumnus Hani Farag, vice-president of human resources at Bombardier/Canadair's aircraft divisions, said he decided to volunteer as a judge at the competition "out of interest in the event itself," not just because he has a soft spot for his alma mater.

Participating in the competition was also important to Farag's

employers. They not only gave him time off to be a judge but sponsored a cocktail party, as he said, "because of our sincere search for young talent."

And although the Ice Storm of '98 made getting to the competition a "bloody nightmare" for Farag, (who had been out of power for three days by that point), he said the opportunity to take part in the competition made it all worthwhile because it allowed him and his company to "put back something worthy into the community."

Rector's Skating Party



At this traditional pre-holiday family event at the Arena, Kate Poirier, 11, got some encouragement from Albert Huguette-Bélanger, also 11.

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Three alumni playing in first-ever Olympic competition next month

First CIAU women's hockey championships to be held here

BY KRISTIN MCNEILL

The first-ever Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union women's hockey competition will take place February 26 to March 1 at Concordia. It's an exciting development for women's hockey at the national level, and coincides with the debut of women's hockey at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

It has been 30 years since Concordia's first women's hockey team, the Loyola Tommies, took to the ice. Concordia now offers one of the finest hockey programs for women in the country.

The Stingers have been home to several of the world's most talented female players, including Cammi Granato and Karen Bye, who are on the U.S. Olympic team. And the Canadian Olympic team, which stands a good chance of making history with the first gold, has Therese Brisson playing defence. A BSc graduate of 1989, she was inducted last year into Concordia's Sports Hall of Fame.

The Concordia women's hockey team has an intense training schedule which includes on-ice practices six days a week and competitions



PHOTO: CLIFF SKARSTEDT

Not your average hockey shot: Goalie Lisa Herritt fields a lacrosse shot from Delaney Collins. Coach Les Lawton likes to vary his practice routine from time to time.

every weekend. The training has paid off. Although head coach Les Lawton only seems to get "to see my family at the rink once in a while," his Stingers lead their league with a 9-0 win-loss score.

In his 15th year with the team, Lawton's teams have won 10 out of 13 Quebec championships. His experience in women's hockey extends beyond Concordia. He was coach of the Canadian National Team, which won the gold medal at

the 1994 World Championships in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Once a defenceman with the Stingers, assistant coach Julie Healy has coached the team for 12 years. Healy has been involved in women's hockey at the national level as well. She was party to Canada's overtime win at the Pacific Rim championship in 1995, and at the world championships last year in Kitchener, Ontario, Healy served as a scout for Team Canada.

Theresa Humes hockey tournament this weekend

The Theresa Humes Invitational Women's Hockey Tournament, an annual event hosted by Concordia for the past 30 years, takes place January 23-25 at the arena on the Loyola campus. Named after a former women's athletics director, the competition features eight university teams from Canada and the United States.

Come out and support our wonderful team. Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$5 for visiting students, \$3 for Concordia staff and students; age 13 and under are admitted free.

IN BRIEF...

Meningitis vaccination

Five cases of meningitis in the Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph areas of Ontario have raised some concern here, particularly among parents.

Angie Siano, Clinical Coordinator of

Concordia Health Services, says that the Quebec Department of Public Health has indicated that there is no need for a vaccination campaign in Quebec.

The bacterium causing meningitis is usually passed by close contact

through nose and throat secretions, and requires intimate contact. Classroom contact is usually not considered close enough, except in daycare centres and kindergartens.

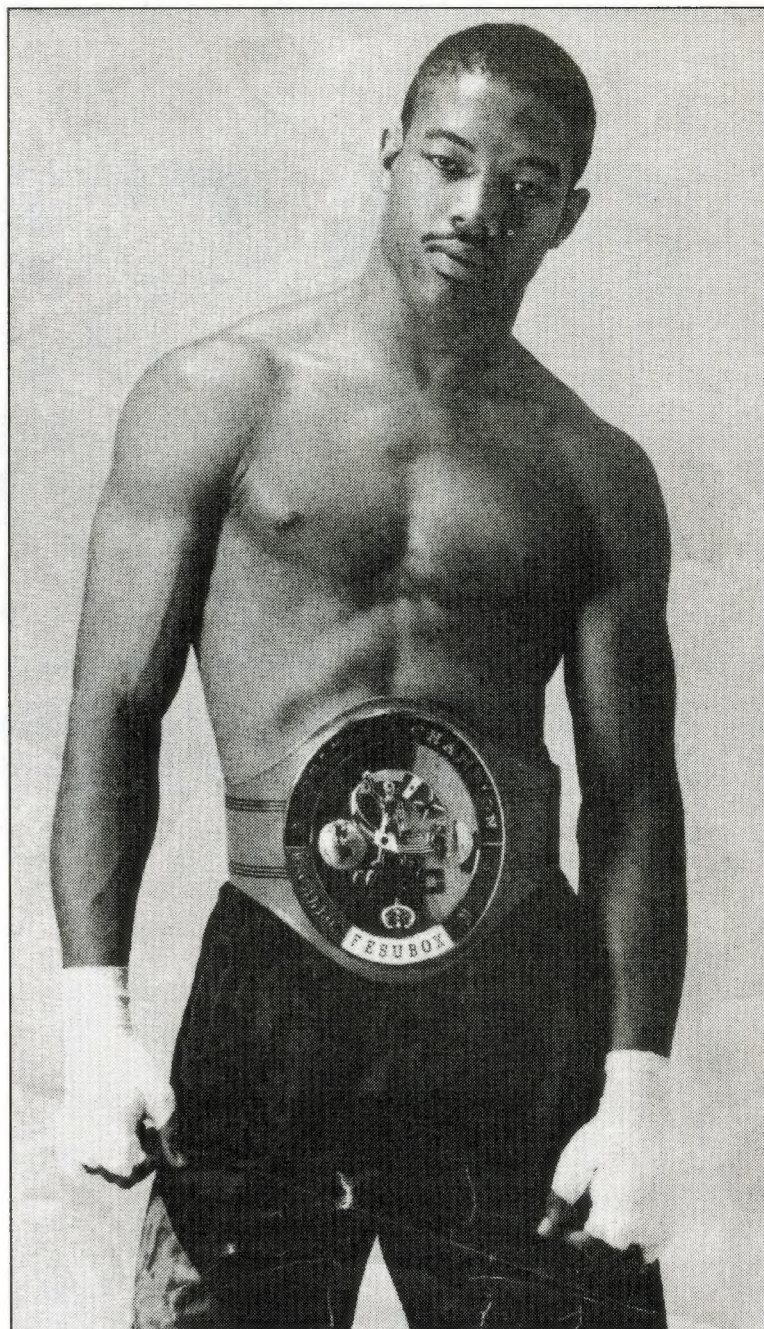
Contact Jacki Thaw at 848-3582 for information.

Wrap it up

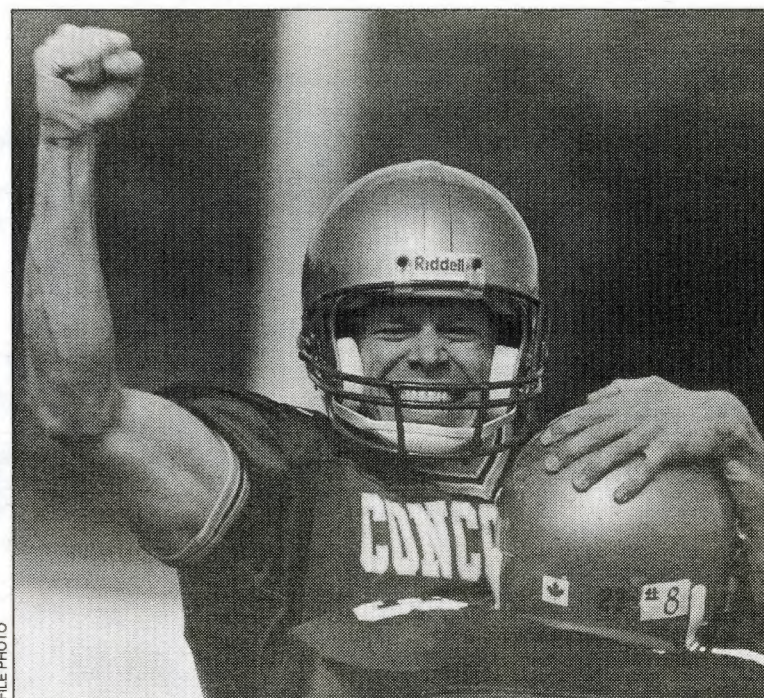
Members of the Stingers football team wrapped Christmas presents at Fairview shopping mall in Pointe Claire to raise money for charity. Seen above are Dwayne Spence, Dwain Manning, Janet Corrigan (secretary to the Director of Athletics) and Fabian Johnson.



PHOTO: CLIFF SKARSTEDT



Congratulations to 30-year-old boxer Otis Grant, the new middleweight champion of the world. Grant, who graduated with a BA in Leisure Studies in 1993 and works as a guidance counsellor at Lindsay Place High School in Pointe Claire, won the title in a decision over Bryan Rhodes in Britain on December 13. Said History Professor Graeme Decarie, "Watching him in the ring is like seeing him in class — not brilliant, but steady, focused, workmanlike. He could learn anything, and he never made the same mistake twice."



FILE PHOTO

While we were shivering in Montreal, David Miller-Johnston was playing football in California with the U.S. college stars. The Stingers kicker/punter was one of two Canadian players chosen each year to play in the 73rd East-West Shrine Football Classic at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto. For Miller-Johnston, who led the Ontario-Quebec conference last year in punting and scoring, it was a chance to show more than 300 NFL and CFL scouts what he could do.

The BACK Page

Events, notices and classified ads must reach the Public Relations Department (BC-115) in writing no later than Thursday, 5 p.m. the week prior to the Thursday publication. For more information, please contact Eugenia Xenos at 848-4881, by fax: 848-2814 or by e-mail: ctr@alcor.concordia.ca.

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Alumni

Alumni Downhill Ski Club

Interested in joining fellow alumni, their family and friends, on the slopes this winter? We're planning on six Saturdays of group skiing at Mont Saint-Sauveur in the beautiful Laurentians (Jan. 24, Feb. 21 and March 21) and White Face Mountain in Lake Placid, N.Y. (Feb. 7, March 7 and April 4). Sign up today for group discounts on lift tickets. Call Gabrielle Korn at 848-3817 for details.

Art

Until January 31

Faculty of Fine Arts Exhibition. 1400 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday 1 - 5 p.m. Free. Info: 848-4750.

CPR Courses

Everyone is welcome to take the following courses. For information, call Training Coordinator Donna Fasciano at 848-4355.

January 22

Heartsaver CPR

January 24, 25

CSST First Aid (English)

January 29, 30

CSST First Aid (French)

Centre for Teaching and Learning Services

Faculty Development Workshops (Register at 848-2495 prior to workshop)

1. Coping with Disruption in the Classroom: Through case studies, learn strategies to prevent and manage disruptive behaviour in the classroom. Tuesday, January 27, 1 - 4 p.m. H-771, Hall Building, SGW.

2. Learning with Cases: Faculty interested in introducing the case method to their students will find this workshop material helpful in their own classes. Wednesday, February 4, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. H-760-1, Hall Building, SGW.

Community Events

McGill Queer Phone Line

Confidential queer peer support and referral line for the queer and queer-positive community. Open Monday to Friday 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at 398-6822.

Counselling and Development

848-3545/848-3555. **Career and Placement Service (CAPS):** 848-7345.

Career Planning Computer Labs: Now you can do career planning using up-to-date, computerized programs. Thursday, January 22, 29, 2 - 4 p.m., SGW

Marketing Yourself for After Graduation: This two-session workshop specifically designed for psychology, journalism and communication students includes networking and the use of the Internet in your job search. At Loyola. Session 1: Thursday, January 22, 2 - 4 p.m. Session 2: Thursday, January 29, 2 - 4 p.m. or Thursday, February 5, 2 - 4 p.m.

Successful Résumés: Obtain more job interviews by learning to create a résumé that offers employers a clear, concise picture of you and your accomplishments. Register at CAPS, 2070 Mackay. Monday, January 26, 1 - 3 p.m., SGW.

Getting the Job You Deserve: Let us help you land your first career-related position. Register at CAPS, 2070 Mackay. Wednesday, January 28, noon - 2 p.m., SGW.

Strategies for Achievement in Personal and Academic Life: Participants will examine diversity in communication and problem-solving skills. Thursday, January 29 - March 12, 9:30 a.m. - noon, LOY.

Body, Beauty and Diet: A support group where women can share similar experiences and explore issues in a confidential and safe environment. A personal interview is requested prior to registration. Thursday, January 29 - March 26, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., SGW.

Asserting Yourself Responsibly: Learn to communicate in a responsible, assertive yet non-aggressive way. All candidates will be interviewed

beforehand. Wednesday, January 28 - March 11, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., SGW.

Preparing For and Taking Exams: Face tests and exams with more confidence by learning strategies for reviewing course material and taking tests. Wednesday, January 28, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., SGW.

Learning from your Textbook: Learn a technique that helps you focus on the most important ideas in your text, read more quickly and remember more. Monday, January 26, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., SGW.

Strategies For Academic Writing: Attend one or more of three sessions. Session 1 (Getting Started, Overcoming Writer's Block), Session 2 (Organizing Ideas, Writing Introductions and Conclusions), Session 3 (Revising and Editing, Integrating Quotes). Friday, January 23, 30 and February 6, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., SGW.

Successful Job Interviews: Through videotaped role-playing, you will discover how you come across, how to answer difficult questions, and what you can improve. Maximum 12 people. Register at CAPS, 2070 Mackay. Thursday, March 26, 1 - 4 p.m., SGW.

Film

Loyola Film Series

F.C. Smith Auditorium, Loyola campus, 7141 Sherbrooke W. Free. Info: 848-3878.

January 26

Love Me Tonight (1932), Rouben Mamoulian, 6 p.m.; *My Man Godfrey* (1936), Gregory LaCava, 7:50 p.m.

January 27

North by Northwest (1959), Alfred Hitchcock, 7 p.m.

February 2

Naughty Marietta (1935), W.S. Van Dyke, 6 p.m.; *Wuthering Heights* (1939), William Wyler, 7:35 p.m.

Health Services

Health Fair

Wednesday, January 28 (Noon to 7 p.m.) and Thursday, January 29 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Come and assess your health and find out how you can improve it at Health Services' annual

two-day interactive health extravaganza. Mezzanine, Hall Building.

Lectures

Thursday, January 22

Neil McKenty, Montreal writer and broadcaster, on "The Inside Story: Journey of a Jesuit Priest and Talk-Show Host Towards Self-Discovery." 3:30 p.m. Loneragan College, 7302 Sherbrooke W. Info: 848-2280.

Friday, January 23

Anna Alexander, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, on "Sexuality and Narcotic Desire: The Women Who Smoke Too Much." Noon, VA-245, Fine Arts Building.

Monday, January 26

A discussion of the ideas of free energy technologies and their social, economic and environmental impacts. Free. 5:30 p.m. Info: <http://bohr.concordia.ca/cpsa/>

Tuesday, January 27

The science behind free energy technologies. Free. 4:30 p.m., H-110, 1455 de Maisonneuve W. Info: <http://bohr.concordia.ca/cpsa/>

Wednesday, January 28

Concordia's World University Services of Canada will host a seminar on international health, 4 to 6 p.m. in LB-677. Free. All are welcome.

Wednesday, January 28

Marlene Jennings, MP for NDG-Lachine. Noon - 1:30 p.m. Info: 848-8728.

Thursday, January 29

Filippo Salvatore, CMLL, on "Italian Cinema and the Unification of Italy as Seen by Luchino Visconti." 3:30 p.m. Loneragan College, 7302 Sherbrooke W. Info: 848-2280.

Thursday, January 29

Esther Muia on "How Communities are Addressing the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Africa." 6 p.m., H-110, 1455 de Maisonneuve W. Info: 848-4234.

Thursday, February 5

Filippo Salvatore, CMLL, on "Marinetti, Futurism and the Avant-Garde Movements in Early-20th Century Italy." 3:30 p.m. Loneragan College, 7302 Sherbrooke W. Info: 848-2280.

Legal Information

Concordia's Legal Information Services offers free and confidential legal information and assistance to the Concordia community. By appointment only. Call 848-4960.

Meetings

Concordia University Part Time Faculty Association

Ratification meeting of the new CUPFA Collective Agreement on Thursday, February 12 at 5 p.m. in the J.A. DeSève Cinema, McConnell Library Building. Copies of the document are on reserve in libraries at both campuses. Info: 848-3691 or visit Concordia's Web site.

Office of Rights and Responsibilities

The Office of Rights and Responsibilities is available to all members of the University community for confidential consultations regarding any type of unacceptable behaviour, including discrimination and personal/sexual harassment, threatening

and violent conduct, theft, destruction of property. Call 848-4857, or drop by 2150 Bishop, room 110.

Ombuds Office

The Ombuds Office is available to all members of the University for information, confidential advice and assistance with university-related problems. Call 848-4964, or drop by 2100 Mackay, room 100.

Special Events and Notices

Cooking With Gals

All women are welcome to this free vegan/vegetarian dinner on Tuesday, January 27. Cooking starts at 4:30 p.m. at 2130 Mackay; dinner at 7 p.m. at the Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay.

Education Department Student Symposium '98

Students from Concordia and neighbouring universities will present papers, projects and works in progress on topics related to the theme, "Beyond the Classroom: Education for a New Millennium." Keynote speaker: Robin Allardye, director of ITV Carleton University. February 6 - 7. Library Building, fifth floor (Education Department). Info: http://alcor.concordia.ca/~c_geissl/symposium.html

Call for Papers

Sex on the Edge, an interdisciplinary symposium, welcomes proposals in English for individual papers and workshops in the humanities, social sciences and cultural fields. Send a 300-word abstract, along with name, affiliation, address, e-mail, fax, phone and c.v. (maximum 2 pages) to: Dr. Chantal Nadeau, Department of Communication Studies, Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke W., BR-111, Montreal, H4B 1R6, or nadch@vax2.concordia.ca. Deadline: March 15.

Association of Commonwealth Universities Award directories

New editions of the two ACU directories for postgraduate and undergraduate students wishing to study mainly, but not exclusively, in another Commonwealth country are now available in the Financial Aid and Awards Office. LB-085, McConnell Building.

Listening and referral centre for students

Peer Helpers are students helping students who provide active listening and referrals to services on campus. Office hours are Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 2090 Mackay. Info: 848-2859.

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Daycare

Space available for a child four years of age as of September 1997. Full time, \$5/day. Contact Brenda or Sandra at Garderie les P'tit Profs, 848-7788.

Leaving the Country

Everything I own must go, including many books (cinema, linguistics, astrology, etc.), by April 30; nothing over \$100. 488-2278 or lf_ratel@alcor.concordia.ca

Ride Needed

Will share gas and driving to San Diego/L.A., early July. Call 488-2278 by April 25 or lf_ratel@alcor.concordia.ca by June 22.

Tutoring and research help

Do you need tutoring in your courses? A Concordia alumnus, MA Economics, can prepare you for exams, research,

and writing assignments. Geepu at 287-2685, aclad@colba.net

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Tennis program

Want to have fun? Play tennis! Call Alain Girard at 332-9665 for more information.

U.S. work permits

We can help Canadian citizens increase their chances of receiving U.S. work permits. Also, U.S. immigration and related business matters. B. Toben Associates (U.S. lawyers) 288-3896.

Workshops

Library Workshops

Sessions at the Vanier Library (except for the Get Connected to the Libraries workshop) are hands-on and sign-ups are required in person at the Reference Desk or by phoning 848-7766. No sign-ups required for sessions at Webster (848-7777).

1. Get Connected to the Libraries:

Tour the Library and find out about key resources and services that will help you successfully complete your assignments and term papers. At Webster (LB-235): Monday, January 26, noon; Tuesday, January 27, 3 p.m. At Vanier (VL-128): Monday, January 26, 3 p.m.; Tuesday, January 27, noon.

2. Get Connected to CD-ROMs, Databases and Indexes:

Learn techniques for finding references to newspaper, magazine and journal articles using print and electronic sources. At Webster (LB-212): Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, February 4, 2 p.m. At Vanier (VL-122): Thursday, February 5, 5 p.m.

3. Get Connected to Lexis-Nexis:

Learn how to use this powerful online search service that provides access to international news sources, broadcast transcripts, business sources, financial and marketing information and key research databases like Medline. At Vanier (VL-122): Wednesday, January 28, 10 a.m.

4. Get Connected to Internet Search Tools:

This workshop focuses on strategies for finding information available on the World Wide Web. At Webster (LB-235): Monday, January 26, 5 p.m. At Vanier (VL-122): Friday, January 23, 10 a.m.

EAP Lunchtime Seminar

Achieving Balance: How to Handle the Stress of Work and Family Life. January 27. Noon - 1:15 p.m., H-769, 1455 de Maisonneuve W. Free. Register by January 26 at 848-3668.